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**FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A GRANULAR MICROBIAL BIOMASS
AND ISOLATION OF A COMPOUND THEREFROM**

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PETITION TO EXTEND

Monday, May 18, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was filed November 17, 2008. The due date for response was January 17, 2009. Therefore, Applicants petition for the period for response to be extended by four months, up to and including today, and pay the required fee herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the fee submitted to our Deposit Account No. 14-1140 under Matter No. 4662-399.

Respectfully submitted,

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